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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2006 totaled 255,000 head, up 2 percent from the March 1, 2005 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 4 percent from the number on hand February 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 32,000 head, down 1,000 head from February 2005 placements. Marketings during February totaled 38,000 head, down 14,000 from February 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on March 1, 2006. The inventory was 8 percent above March 1, 2005 and 9 percent above March 1, 2004. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.60 million, 5 percent above 2005 but 1 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 510,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 433,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.61 million, 1 percent below 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of February since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 73,000 during February, 5 percent below 2005 but 6 percent above 2004.

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